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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

HEGEMANN, et al.

Serial No. 10/090,018

Filed: February 28, 2002

For: METHOD OF TREATING GASES ISSUED FROM A SINTERING PLANT

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

The Commissioner for Patents

Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to examining on the merits and calculating the filing fee for the above-captioned patent application, please amend the application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims 1-22 and enter new claims 23-33. A clean copy of the added claims is submitted herewith as Attachment A.

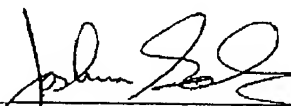
REMARKS

The claims have been amended to clarify the subject matter and remove multiple dependencies. The newly added claims do not add any new matter within the meaning of 35 U.S.C. §132.

Early action on the merits is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,
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